

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 217.6, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 152, "Foster Group Care Contracting," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment rescinds and readopts an amendment that was Adopted and Filed Emergency and published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 13, 2010, as **ARC 8449B**. The amendment implements a decrease in the reimbursement rates for foster group care provided from January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010. During this period, the maximum reimbursement shall be the rate in effect on December 31, 2009, reduced by 5 percent. This reduction is necessary to achieve the savings required by Executive Order Number 19, which mandated a 10 percent across-the-board cut in expenditures.

Notice of Intended Action on this amendment was published on the same date as **ARC 8450B** to solicit comments. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. This amendment is identical to that Adopted and Filed Emergency and published under Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations. Needed savings will not be realized if waivers are granted. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on March 10, 2010.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6 and Executive Order Number 19.

This amendment shall become effective on May 12, 2010.

The following amendment is adopted.

Rescind subparagraph **152.3(1)"h"(2)** and adopt the following **new** subparagraph in lieu thereof:

(2) Rates may be changed by mandated across-the-board decreases. Effective for the period from January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010, the negotiated reimbursement rates for foster group care shall be decreased by 5 percent of rates in effect on December 31, 2009.

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